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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ARNOLD KREEK, Individually And On Behalf
Of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, WELLS
FARGO FUNDS MANAGEMENT, LLC,
WELLS FARGO FUNDS TRUST, WELLS
FARGO DISTRIBUTORS, STEPHENS, INC.,
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-08 1830 (WHA)

CLASS ACTION

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL R.
REESE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION
TO APPOINT EDWARD LEE AS LEAD
PLAINTIFF AND FOR APPROVAL OF
LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SELECTION OF
CO-LEAD COUNSEL

1 MICHAEL R. REESE declares, under penalty of perjury:

2 1. I am a member of Reese Richman LLP (“Reese Richman”), one of
3 plaintiff’s proposed co-lead counsel in the above-captioned action. I submit this
4 Declaration in support of the motion of Edward Lee for appointment of lead plaintiff and
5 for approval of selection of Reese Richman and Whatley Drake & Kallas, LLC
6 (“Whatley Drake”) as co-lead counsel.

7 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of the notice,
8 published by plaintiff on *PR Newswire*, a national, business-oriented newswire service,
9 on April 23, 2008.

10 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and accurate copy of the
11 certification of Edward Lee.

12 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and accurate copy of the firm
13 resume of Reese Richman.

14 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and accurate copy of the firm
15 resume of Whatley Drake.

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18 DATED: June 23, 2008

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/s/ Michael R. Reese
Michael R. Reese

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Press Release

Source: Whatley Drake & Kallas LLC

Whatley Drake & Kallas, LLC and Reese Richman, LLP Announce Filing of Class Action Lawsuit Against Wells Fargo & Company and Certain of its Affiliates Regarding Wells Fargo Mutual Funds

Wednesday April 23, 1:01 pm ET

NEW YORK, April 23 /PRNewswire/ -- The law firms of Whatley Drake & Kallas LLC ("Whatley Drake") and Reese Richman LLP ("Reese Richman") today announced that a class action lawsuit was filed on April 4, 2008 in the Northern District of California against Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC - News) and certain of its affiliates including Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC, Wells Fargo Funds Distributor, LLC, Stephens Inc., and Wells Fargo Funds Trust (collectively "Defendants") on behalf of all persons who purchased one or more of the Wells Fargo Funds, now known as the Wells Fargo Advantage Funds, (except for the Wells Fargo Diversified Equity Fund, Montgomery Emerging Markets Fund and Small Cap Growth Fund) from November 4, 2000 through April 11, 2006 inclusive (the "Class Period"), seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). A copy of the complaint filed in this action is retrievable from the Court using the case number 3:08-cv-01830-WHA, or can be viewed on Whatley Drake's website at: <http://www.wdklaw.com>.

If you purchased any of the Wells Fargo Mutual Funds between November 4, 2000 and April 11, 2006, inclusive, and sustained damages, you may, no later than June 23, 2008, move the Court (through Reese Richman LLP, Whatley Drake & Kallas LLC, or counsel of your own choice) to appoint you as lead plaintiff. A lead plaintiff is a representative party that acts on behalf of other class members in directing the litigation. In order to be appointed lead plaintiff, the Court must determine that the class member's claim is typical of the claims of other class members, and that the class member will adequately represent the class. Under certain circumstances, one or more class members may together serve as "lead plaintiff." Your ability to share in any recovery is not, however, affected by the decision whether or not to serve as a lead plaintiff. Additionally, at the early-notice stage, returning a form to counsel or communicating with counsel is unnecessary to participate in any recovery.

The Complaint alleges that during the Class Period, Defendants created undisclosed material conflicts of interest with members of the Class by entering into revenue-sharing agreements with brokerages and selling agents who sold the Wells Fargo Funds. Defendants financed these arrangements by illegally charging excessive and improper fees to the Wells Fargo Funds and their investors that should have been invested in the underlying portfolio. Defendants did not disclose to investors, at the time of purchase, their pre-existing and ongoing revenue sharing arrangements, but rather knowingly hid such information by way of material omissions and halftruths in the prospectuses and other offering documents. Defendants' failure to disclose the incentives constituted violations of federal securities laws.

Whatley Drake & Kallas, LLC, a forty-five lawyer firm with offices in New York City, Birmingham, and Boston was formed in 1998 as a successor to the firm of Cooper, Mitch, Crawford, Kuykendall & Whatley. Since that time, the firm has concentrated in complex class action litigation, including securities, ERISA, 401k, healthcare, insurance, antitrust, mass tort and consumer litigation. Please contact the Whatley Drake website (<http://www.wdklaw.com>) for more information about the firm.

Reese Richman LLP litigates on behalf of investors and consumers injured by fraud. Please visit the Reese Richman LLP website (<http://www.reeserichman.com>) for more information about the firm.

If you wish to discuss this action with us, or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights and interests

with regard to the case, please contact the following attorneys:

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Plaintiff's Certification – In re Wells Fargo Mutual Fund Kickback Securities Litigation

I, Edward Lee ("Plaintiff") hereby declare under penalty of perjury that:

Purchases (All are Wells Fargo Funds)

| <u>Name of Fund</u> | <u>Date of Purchase</u> | <u>Shares Purchased</u> | <u>Price per Share</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| LARGE CAP GROWTH (NVLAX) | 6/6/2003 | 209.3150 | \$42.14 |
| MID CAP GROWTH (WFMCX) | 6/6/2003 | 1589.2080 | 4.77 |
| SPECIALIZED TECH (WFSTX) | 6/6/2003 | 1065.8970 | 3.40 |

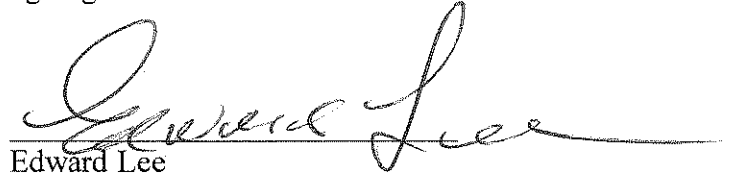
Sales

| <u>Name of Fund</u> | <u>Date of Purchase</u> | <u>Shares Purchased</u> | <u>Price per Share</u> |
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1. Plaintiff purchased and sold the following Wells Fargo Mutual Fund(s) during the period November 4, 2000 to April 11, 2006 as set forth below:
2. Plaintiff made no purchase or sales (other than automatic re-investments) of any Wells Fargo mutual funds during the time period stated above except for those purchases and sales forth above.
3. Plaintiff did not purchase the securities that are the subject of this action at the direction of plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in this action.
4. Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint and authorized its filing.
5. During the three year period prior to the date of this Certification, Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for a class action under the federal securities.
6. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of the class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary, and Plaintiff is willing to serve as lead plaintiff either individually or as part of a group, a lead plaintiff being a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action.

7. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class as ordered or approved by the court. Plaintiff understands that this is not a claim form, and that Plaintiff's ability to share in any recovery as a member of the class is unaffected by Plaintiff's decision to serve as representative party.
8. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 25 day of February, 2008.


Edward Lee

REESE RICHMAN LLP

Reese Richman LLP represents investors, consumers and employees in a wide-array of class action litigation throughout the nation. The attorneys of Reese Richman LLP are skilled litigators with years of experience in federal and state court. Reese Richman LLP is based in New York, New York with attorneys also in Austin, Texas and San Francisco, California.

Recent and current cases litigated by the attorneys of Reese Richman LLP on behalf of investors and consumers include the following: *Gaines v. Home Loan Center Inc.*, 08-cv-667 DOC (C.D. Cal.) for violation of the federal RICO Act; *All-Star Carts and Vehicles Inc. v. BFI Canada Income Fund et. al.*, 2:08-cv-1816 LDW (E.D.N.Y.) for violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act; *Bodoin v. Impeccable L.L.C.*, Index. No. 601801/08 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) for conspiracy and fraud; *Tan v. Comcast Corp.*, 2:08-cv-02735 LDD (E.D. Pa.) for violation of the federal Computer Abuse and Fraud Act; *Yoo v. Wendy's International, Inc.*, 07-cv-04515 FMC (C.D. Cal.) for violation of California's consumer protection laws; *Murphy v. DirecTV, Inc.*, 07-cv-06545 FMC (C.D. Cal.) for violation of California's consumer protection laws; *Bain v. Silver Point Capital Partnership LLP*, Index No. 114284/06 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) for breach of contract and fraud; *Siemers v. Wells Fargo & Co. et al.*, No. C-05-4518 WHA (N.D. Cal.) for violation of §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; *Kastin v. AMR Corp. et al.*, 06-CV-5726 (S.D.N.Y.) for violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act; *In re Orbitz Taxes and Fees Litigation*, No 05 CH 00442 (Cook County, Illinois) for violation of Illinois' consumer protection laws; *Dover Capital Ltd. v. Galvex Estonia OU*, Index No. 113485/06 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) for breach of contract involving an Eastern European steel company; *In re American Funds Securities Litigation*, CV-06-7815-GAF (C.D. Cal) for violations of §12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; *Ulferts v. Franklin Resources Inc. et al.*, 2:07-cv-01309 WJM (D. N.J.) for violation of §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; *In re Korean Air Antitrust Litigation*, CV07-01891 (SJO) for violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act; *Okland v. Travelocity.com Inc.*, 342-209514-05 (Tarrant County, Texas) for violation of Texas' consumer protection laws; and, *Spencer v. Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc.*, GN403865 (Travis County, Texas) for violation of Texas' consumer protection laws.

The Attorneys of Reese Richman LLP

Michael R. Reese

Mr. Reese litigates securities, consumer and antitrust cases as class actions and on behalf of individual clients. Prior to joining private practice in 2000, Mr. Reese served as an assistant district attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office where he served as a trial attorney prosecuting both violent and white-collar crime. Mr. Reese has extensive trial experience.

Victories by Mr. Reese on behalf of investors include *Siemers v. Wells Fargo, Inc.* CV05-4518 (WHA) (N.D. Cal.) that resulted in settlement soon after the class was certified; *In re Sears Roebuck and Co. Securities Litigation*, No. 02 C 07527 (N.D. Ill.) which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders; *In re American Express Financial Services Securities Litigation*, No. 04 Civ. 1773 (S.D.N.Y.) and *Spahn v. Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P.*, 04-cv-0086-HEA (E.D. Mo.), both of which were actions against brokerages for alleged receipt of kickbacks from mutual fund companies that resulted in settlements of \$100 million and \$127.5 million, respectively.

Achievements by Mr. Reese on behalf of consumers include *Olmstead v. Pioneer Electronics (USA), Inc.*, No. BC257222 (Los Angeles Superior Court), a class action brought pursuant to

California consumer protection laws for sale of defective DVD players. This action is reported at *Pioneer Electronics (USA), Inc., v. the Superior Court of Los Angeles County*, 40 Cal. 4th 360 (2005), whereby Mr. Reese successfully litigated on behalf of consumers in a ground breaking case that gave named plaintiffs the right to obtain unredacted records of similarly situated consumers who had complained to defendants about deceptive practices.

Mr. Reese is a member of the state bars of New York and California as well as numerous federal courts. Mr. Reese received his juris doctorate from the University of Virginia and his bachelor's degree from New College.

Kim E. Richman

Mr. Richman is with the New York offices of Reese Richman LLP from where he litigates consumer and securities fraud class actions. Mr. Richman also specializes in civil rights litigation. Mr. Richman is an accomplished trial attorney with experience both in federal and state courts.

Mr. Richman draws his class action expertise from previously working at both a small think tank in San Francisco and a large class action firm. His experience includes litigating cases ranging from protecting the privacy rights of consumers and fair use rights of the public to corporate fraud and insider trading.

Mr. Richman is experienced in handling both state and federal matters and has litigated dozens of trials to verdict.

Mr. Richman has also handled various federal civil rights claims, representing clients both individually and on a class-wide basis. These matters have spanned from protecting the wrongfully accused and victims of excessive force to the human rights of factory laborers and civil liberties of hundreds of protestors arrested at a political march.

Mr. Richman is a member of the state bar of New York and the federal bars of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Mr. Richman received his juris doctorate from Brooklyn Law School and his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, from where he graduated *summa cum laude*.

Belinda L. Williams

Ms. Williams is based in New York from where she focuses her practice on class actions on behalf of defrauded consumers and investors. Ms. Williams has extensive experience in litigating complex commercial cases.

Ms. Williams is admitted to the bars of several federal courts as well as the state bars of New York and Maryland. Ms. Williams received her juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1986 and her undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1982.

Kate J. Stoia

Ms. Stoia is based in San Francisco from where she litigates securities and consumer class actions. Ms. Stoia's cases on behalf of investors and consumers include *Siemers v. Wells Fargo*

& Co. et al. and *Ulferts v. Franklin Resources, Inc.* Ms. Stoia previously worked at the law firms of Brobeck Phleger & Harrison LLP and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Prior to her work as a civil litigator, Ms. Stoia clerked for the Hon. Charles A. Legge of the Northern District of California.

Ms. Stoia is a member of the state bar of California and several federal courts. Ms. Stoia received her juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley and her bachelor's degree from Columbia University.

Lance N. Stott

Mr. Stott is based in Austin, Texas from where he litigates consumer class actions. Previous and current consumer fraud class actions litigated by Mr. Stott include *Davis v. Toshiba America Consumer Products* for allegedly defective DVD players; *Bennight v. Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc. et al.* for allegedly defective television sets; *Spencer v. Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc. et al.* for allegedly defective DVD players; and, *Okland v. Travelocity.com, Inc.*, for deceptive pricing for online hotel reservations.

Mr. Stott is a member of the state bar of Texas. Mr. Stott received his juris doctorate from the University of Texas and his bachelor's degree from New College.



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History

Whatley Drake and Kallas, LLC is a national plaintiffs' firm, committed to litigation that results in meaningful change. WD&K was formed in Birmingham in 1998 as a successor to the firm of Cooper, Mitch, Crawford, Kuykendall & Whatley. The Firm has a legacy of serving leadership roles in significant complex class action and derivative litigation, including securities, 401k, healthcare, insurance, employment and mass tort litigation. WD&K also remains devoted to its longstanding representation of unions and workers throughout the United States. Our class action and complex litigation practice was strengthened in 2006 by the addition of a team of experienced class action attorneys in New York City.

In 2007, WD&K was one of thirteen firms named to the National Law Journal's "Plaintiffs' Hot List," the annual list of the country's most prominent plaintiffs' firms. Our national practice includes 48 lawyers across offices in New York City, Birmingham and Boston. Throughout its history, WD&K has been at the forefront in class actions and complex cases across the United States, effecting meaningful change through settlements and verdicts for classes of people, businesses and pension funds.

WD&K and its partners have served as co-lead counsel in numerous high profile class actions that have recovered billions of dollars for class members, and have achieved significant corporate reforms. Examples of recent cases in which the Firm served in a leadership role and was extensively involved in the litigation and negotiation of settlements include: In re: Managed Care Litigation (resulting in billions of dollars in cash and value to a class of 900,000 physicians throughout the United States); In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation (settlements with defendants Zurich Insurance Company and Arthur J. Gallagher on behalf of commercial policyholders for in excess of \$130 million); In re: Qwest Savings and Retirement Plan ERISA Litigation (approximately \$37.5 million); In re: HealthSouth Corporation Securities Litigation (\$445 million); In re Denney v. Jenkins & Gilchrist (\$81.6 million settlement on behalf of former clients of Jenkins & Gilchrist in connection with illegal tax shelters); In re MedPartners Securities Litigation (\$65 million); In re Kmart 401(k) Litigation (\$11.75 million).

Whatley Drake & Kallas has gained a national reputation for its aggressive litigation style and its quality legal work. A significant aspect of the Firm's resources is its ability to try a complex case. One of the Firm's founding partners, Joe R. Whatley, Jr., is an experienced trial lawyer and is one of the few lawyers representing plaintiffs in complex class action litigation who has tried a class action case to verdict. He won a

\$1.28 billion jury verdict on behalf of a class of cattle ranchers against Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. in *Pickett v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.*, No. 96-A-1103-N (M.D. Ala.). Mr. Whatley also won what was at the time the largest wrongful death verdict in Louisiana history in *Dunn v. Consolidated Rail Corp.*, 890 F. Supp. 1262 (M.D.La. 1995). Mr. Whatley's experience in this regard has made him a highly sought after member of plaintiffs' leadership groups in numerous complex and multidistrict litigations.

WD&K and its partners have also gained a national reputation for their consistent dedication to the interests of their clients by achieving results which include both compensation to victims of wrongdoing and significant industry reforms.

Firm Litigation

Securities, Derivative and 401(k) Litigation

Whatley Drake and Kallas has been appointed to leadership positions in numerous securities and 401(k) class actions and derivative litigation. Examples of cases in which WD&K currently holds or has held a leadership position include, among others, the following:

In re HealthSouth Corporation Securities Litigation. WD&K acts as Liaison Counsel in this securities class action pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. To date, a partial settlement of \$445 million with the corporation and board of directors has been approved.

In re Merck & Co., Inc., Securities, ERISA and Shareholder Derivative Litigation. Joe R. Whatley, Jr. has been named Co-Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative action pending against Merck in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey arising out of the marketing and sale of Vioxx.

Hildebrand v. W Holding Company, WD&K has been named as Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action against W Holding Company, WesternBank Puerto Rico and certain individuals pending in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

In re MedPartners Securities Litigation. WD&K served as Liaison Counsel in this action which was filed in Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama on behalf of a class of shareholders against MedPartners. A settlement of \$65 million was obtained and approved by the court.

In re Qwest Savings and Retirement Plan ERISA Litigation. Joe R. Whatley, Jr. and WD&K were appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this class action filed on behalf of all participants and beneficiaries of Qwest's 401(k) retirement plan. The suit alleged that various fiduciaries of the plan failed to properly exercise their duties as required under

ERISA. A settlement of approximately \$37.5 million was obtained and approved by the court.

In re Rankin v. Conaway (Kmart). WD&K served as Lead Counsel in this class action on behalf of participants and beneficiaries of Kmart's Retirement Savings Plans who lost money when Kmart filed for bankruptcy. The suit alleged that various fiduciaries of the Plan failed to properly exercise their duties as required under ERISA. WD&K obtained a settlement of \$11.75 million that was approved by the court.

In re Xcel Energy. WD&K served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of participants and beneficiaries of Xcel's 401(k) Retirement Plan. A settlement of \$8 million was obtained and approved by the court.

In re Broadwing, Inc. ERISA Litigation. WD&K was Co-Lead Counsel in this class action brought on behalf of the participants and beneficiaries of Cincinnati Bell, Inc. Savings and Securities Plan, the Broadwing Retirement Savings Plan, and the Plans themselves, to remedy defendant's breaches of fiduciary duty under ERISA. A settlement of \$11 million was obtained and approved by the court.

McPhail, et al. v. First Command, et al. The Firm is Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of military and former military families that were defrauded by First Command. First Command and its officers are being sued because they sold to military families unsuitable financial products that contained, among other things, a 50% sales load in the first year of the product. WD&K won class certification and that decision was upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. First Command appealed that decision to the Supreme Court of the United States and cert was denied. Trial is set for 2009. The case is pending before the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Insurance and Healthcare Litigation

Whatley Drake & Kallas is a leader in complex litigation against the largest insurance, brokerage and managed care companies in the world. WD&K has been appointed to leadership positions in the following cases, among others:

Love v. Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, WD&K is Co-Lead Counsel in this action pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Settlements have recently been reached with approximately ninety percent (90%) of the defendants. The settlements provide for in excess of \$130 million of monetary benefits and practice change relief valued in excess of two billion dollars.

In re Managed Care Litigation, MDL No. 1334. WD&K is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and represents a class of physicians against nine of the largest managed care providers in the United States including AETNA, CIGNA, United, Healthnet, Humana, PacifiCare, Prudential and WellPoint. The suit alleged that these

defendants engaged in a civil conspiracy in violation of the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”) to wrongfully and fraudulently pay doctors less than the amounts to which they were entitled. Settlements were reached with AETNA, CIGNA, Healthnet, Humana, Prudential and Wellpoint consisting of monetary relief and significant business practice changes valued in the billions of dollars have been obtained and approved by the court.

In re Monumental Life Insurance Company, Industrial Life Insurance Litigation.

WD&K served as a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in this action pending in the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Louisiana seeking redress for discriminatory practices of many major insurance companies with respect to the sale of life insurance products to minorities. Settlements of approximately \$500 million dollars have been obtained in these cases and approved by the court.

Environmental Litigation

Whatley Drake & Kallas is proud to represent thousands of individuals against the manufacturers of toxic substances released into the environment and has played a significant role in several nationally prominent environmental litigations including the following:

In re Allen v. ALDOT. WD&K represented residential property owners in three neighborhoods in Montgomery, Alabama harmed by the Alabama Department of Transportation’s release of the chemical TCE into the groundwater of a 600-acre area affecting the property of some 1200 homeowners. A settlement of \$5.5 million was obtained.

Monsanto PCB Litigation (Tolbert, et al v. Monsanto and Pharmacia Corp.). WD&K partner G. Douglas Jones was appointed General Special Master by Chief Judge U. W. Clemon in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to perform specific duties with respect to the implementation of injunctive relief in a massive environmental settlement involving PCB’s in Anniston, Alabama.

Antitrust Litigation

Whatley Drake & Kallas is a leader in antitrust litigation and has held numerous leadership positions in such cases including, but not limited to, the following:

In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1663. Edith Kallas and WD&K serve as Co-Lead Counsel and represent a putative class of purchasers of commercial and employer benefit insurance against many of the largest insurance companies and brokers in the country relating to these companies’ alleged participation in a conspiracy to manipulate the markets for insurance. To date, settlements with two of the

defendants, Zurich Insurance Company and Arthur J. Gallagher, have been reached for approximately \$130 million.

In re Lorazepam and Clorazepate Antitrust Litigation. WD&K served as Third Party Payor Lead Class Counsel in this antitrust action which was transferred by order of the Judicial Panel for Multi-District Litigation to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Settlements of over \$100 million were obtained.

Pickett, et al. v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. Whatley Drake served as Co-Lead Counsel in representing a class of cattle ranchers against the major beef packers and producers in the country for conspiring to depress the price of beef on the cash market. In addition to serving in a leadership position in this action, Joe. R. Whatley of Whatley Drake served as trial counsel in the Middle District of Alabama for the plaintiff class and the jury returned a verdict of \$1.28 billion for the class of ranchers and cattle producers.

In re Pharmacy Benefit Managers Antitrust Litigation. WD&K currently serves as Co-Lead Counsel in a nationwide class action that seeks to ensure patients' access to their selected pharmacists and that independent pharmacists will be able to provide quality care to the people who seek over 1.3 billion prescriptions from them each year. The suit alleges that these Pharmacy Benefit Managers conspired to and engaged in horizontal price fixing of the reimbursement rates paid to independent pharmacies.

Waterbury Hospital v. U.S. Foodservice. The Firm is Co-Lead Counsel and represents customers in a case involving a scheme whereby USF, the second largest food distributor in the U.S., fraudulently inflated the prices it charged to their cost-plus customers. USF's customers were charged, pursuant to cost-plus agreements, inflated prices that represented the cost of products plus a kickback to their suppliers.

Oil and Gas Royalty

Whatley Drake & Kallas has represented oil and gas owners in litigation against oil companies. Settlements have been reached with Exxon, Torch Energy and LL&E, Inc. The Firm received more than \$7.5 million for royalty owners.

Pharmaceutical Products Litigation

Whatley, Drake & Kallas is actively involved in representing plaintiffs individually and in class action cases regarding injuries caused by defective pharmaceutical products. Some of the products involved include the following:

In re New York Bextra and Celebrex Product Liability Litigation. WD&K was appointed as State Court Liaison Counsel in this action involving injury claims arising from ingestion of these Cox 2 inhibitors. The case is pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York.

Vioxx Product Liability Litigation. The Firm represents individuals injured by Vioxx, prescribed to millions to treat arthritis. Manufactured by Merck Pharmaceuticals, Vioxx was removed from the market by Merck in the face of increasing evidence that the drug caused cardiovascular injuries including heart attack and stroke.

In re Ortho Evra Patch Litigation. WD&K is representing women who have suffered vascular injuries including stroke and even death resulting from use of the Ortho Evra birth control patch, the first skin patch approved for birth control manufactured by Johnson & Johnson. The Firm has taken an active role as a member of the discovery committee. WD&K participated in the MDL mediation process and has resolved the vast majority of its clients' cases.

In re: Zyprexa Litigation. WD&K is currently representing several hundred individuals who developed diabetes and suffered other injuries as a result of taking Zyprexa. The Firm has been actively involved in In Re: Zyprexa Litigation, MDL 1596, and has recently settled all of its cases with Eli Lilly.

In re Seroquel Products Liability Litigation. An oral drug often prescribed to treat symptoms related to schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder as well as anxiety and dementia, Seroquel has been linked to a higher incidence of diabetes and related conditions such as hyperglycemia and ketoacidosis. WD&K is actively litigating cases against drug manufacturer AstraZeneca in an MDL proceeding in Orlando, Florida and in Delaware state court.

In re: Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Contact Lens Solution Products Liability Litigation. WDK was appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this case involving serious eye injuries resulting from contaminated contact lens solution ReNu MoistureLoc®. The case is pending in the U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina.

Gadolinium (MRI Dye). The Firm is litigating cases involving adverse side-effects from the use of contrast dye in the MRI process.

Medical Device Products Litigation

In re ProteGen Sling and Vesica System Products Liability Litigation. WD&K served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in an action on behalf of hundreds of women all over the country in individual lawsuits who had been implanted with a ProteGen Sling manufactured by Boston Scientific Corporation, used to treat female urinary stress incontinence. These cases were consolidated for coordinated proceedings by order of the Panel for Multi-District Litigation in the USDC for Maryland at Baltimore. In May, 2003, Mr. Whatley was assistant trial counsel in this case in Pennsylvania on behalf of a woman injured by the vaginal sling and obtained a jury verdict on her behalf for

\$450,000.00. As a result of these efforts, Boston Scientific agreed to settle all the claims made against them related to their vaginal sling product.

Tracheal Stent Cases. WD&K is currently representing individuals who have been injured as a result of failed tracheal stents manufactured by Boston Scientific.

In re Medtronic Implantable Defibrillator Litigation, MDL No. 1726; and In Re: Guidant Implantable Defibrillator Litigation, MDL No. 1708. WD&K is currently representing hundreds of individuals who were injured or died prematurely as a result of defective heart defibrillators and pacemakers manufactured by Guidant and Medtronic. Members Jack Drake and Mitchell M. Breit are actively involved in both MDL 1726 and MDL 1708. The Firm is Chair of the Law and Briefing Committee in the Medtronic litigation and has settled all of its cases.

Medtronic Leads. The Firm represents hundreds of individuals involving claims of defective leads to medical devices. An MDL petition is pending.

Consumer Class Litigation

Whatley, Drake & Kallas is actively involved in representing consumers in class action cases. Some of those cases include the following:

Spencer v. Shell Oil. The firm represented homeowners with polybutylene plumbing throughout the United States in this action in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Alabama. The firm obtained a settlement of approximately \$1 billion to repair and replace leaking pipes and fittings for homeowners.

In re Mattel, Inc. Toy Lead Paint Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1897. WD&K is Co-Lead Counsel for a class of consumers of recalled toys due to their lead content or that were defectively designed with magnets which could come loose potentially injure children manufactured and sold by Mattel and Fisher Price. The suit seeks recovery for the purchase prices as well as reimbursement for medical testing.

Hoffman v. American Express Travel Related Services Co., Inc. WD&K represents American Express cardholders who enrolled in a flight and baggage insurance program under which subscribing cardholders are automatically charged an insurance premium each time a flight is booked. The complaint alleges that AMEX engaged in a scheme to defraud cardholders by assessing premiums for cancelled flights and trips not taken. The case is pending in Alameda County Superior Court, California.

Pineda v. Vitamin Shoppe. WD&K represents a class of purchasers of Vitamin Shoppe's "Especially for Women" vitamins. The complaint alleged that testing revealed that some of these vitamins were contaminated by lead and/or contained less calcium than the label indicated. Vitamin Shoppe denied all wrongdoing. WD&K obtained a settlement on

behalf of the class, who received refunds of 100% of the value of the purchase price of the products or 125% of the purchase price if they choose store credit, which is pending final approval in Superior Court for Bergen County, New Jersey.

White v. Bed Bath and Beyond. WD&K represents a class of purchasers of bedding and linen products from Bed Bath and Beyond. Bed Bath and Beyond inflated the thread count of certain two-ply and multi-ply linens and other bedding products by counting threads in a manner which the Federal Trade Commission has ruled is deceptive to consumers. WD&K, along with other counsel, reached a settlement with Bed Bath and Beyond, which provided refunds or gift cards to purchasers of these bedding products, that is pending Final Approval in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Subprime Lending Litigation/Countrywide Financial Corp.. WD&K represents a class of borrowers against Countrywide Financial Corp, et al pursuing claims under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO") and California law involving a fraudulent scheme to systematically steer unwary borrowers into "subprime" mortgages and loans with excess charges and inadequately disclosed risks, including drastic and unexpected increases in required monthly payments. As a result, a significant percentage of borrowers from Countrywide have defaulted or are in default on their loans causing the current flood of foreclosures. Countrywide's scheme resulted in higher profits in interest rates, in origination fees and other fees, and in packaging the mortgage-backed securities.

Other Complex Class Action Litigation

Whatley Drake & Kallas has recently been appointed to leadership positions in the following complex class action cases:

In Re TJX Companies Retail Security Breach Litigation, MDL No. 1838. WD&K serves as Co-Lead Counsel in this multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on behalf of a putative class of all financial institutions who suffered losses related to the monitoring and reissuance of their customers' debit and credit cards after information relating to millions of these accounts was stolen from retailer TJX. The Plaintiffs allege that TJX, whose stores include TJ Maxx, Marshalls and Home Goods, and its acquiring bank, Fifth Third Bank, failed to comply with payment card industry data security standards and assert claims including breach of contract and violation of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 93A, the state's unfair and deceptive trade practices statute.

In re Genetically Modified Rice Litigation. Joe R. Whatley, Jr. was appointed to Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this multidistrict litigation, pending in the United States District Court in the Eastern District of Missouri, which seeks redress for farmers

who were damaged when it was disclosed that unapproved genetically modified rice traits developed by Bayer had contaminated the U.S. supply of long grain rice causing U.S. trading partners, including the European Union, Russia and Japan, to ban U.S. rice imports. A motion for class certification has been filed.

Tax Shelter Litigation. The firm was actively involved in the representation of hundreds individuals who were sold defective tax avoidance strategies by some of the nation's largest law firms, accounting groups and investment banks. The litigation resulted in a class settlement of \$81 million with Jenkins & Gilchrist and numerous individual and aggregate settlements valued at several hundred million dollars.

Labor & Employment Litigation

WD&K has a long history of providing representation for participants in employer-sponsored benefit plans including defined benefit pension plans and 401(k) plans fighting to recover individual benefits and damages to the plans themselves. The Firm is actively involved in the representation of Unions across the United States, advising them on a variety of matters that arise with a particular focus on their health and welfare plans.

WD&K has helped to make the workplace free of discrimination in numerous multi-party and class action lawsuits , holding leadership positions on behalf of workers who have suffered mistreatment because of their age, race, gender, national origin, religious affiliation, disability or simply because they sought to exercise rights protected by federal law such as wage and hour provisions:. Several of our members have held roles in significant, high-profile civil, human and worker rights litigation.

Jackson v. City of Birmingham Schools (Title IX). WD&K represented an Alabama high school basketball coach fired after he complained that the girls on his team were not treated as well as boys. The coach won a landmark Supreme Court ruling under Title IX, the law that guarantees equal access and equal facilities for men in women in sports. WD&K litigated the case on remand and obtained a settlement that includes a city school board promise of equal facilities and the hiring of a Title IX coordinator to assure compliance.

Tyson Foods. WD&K led the effort that produced the multi-million dollar settlement of sexual harassment claims at a Tyson Foods plant in Alabama; in addition to the money, the Court ordered detailed injunctive relieve and appointed a court monitor to cure the wide-spread sexual harassment problem.

Ward v. Albertson's, Save-on, and Lucky Stores. WD&K served as co-lead counsel representing a class of defendants' former employees who alleged that defendants failed to pay them their wages in accordance with California's waiting time statutes. Under California's Labor Code, employers must pay involuntarily terminated employees immediately upon termination, and voluntarily severed employees within 72 hours of their

giving notice of termination. Although defendants vigorously disputed these allegations, WD&K obtained a settlement of \$18.5 million, pending approval by the California Superior Court.

White Collar Crime

Whatley Drake & Kallas' comprehensive white-collar criminal practice involves the representation of defendants and witnesses in federal and state investigations, trials, sentencing and appeals. The firm represents high-profile politicians, business professionals, top executives and corporations facing a multitude of ramifications under complex white-collar laws. This practice group is headed by WD&K member Doug Jones, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama (1997-2001).

Biographies

Members

Joe R. Whatley, Jr.

Mr. Whatley was born in Selma, Alabama. He is a graduate of Harvard University (A.B., cum laude, 1975), and University of Alabama Law School (J.D., 1978). Mr. Whatley is a member of the Bar in the States of Alabama, Colorado and New York, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Middle, Southern and Northern Districts of Alabama and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits. After graduating from the University of Alabama Law School, Mr. Whatley served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank H. McFadden, who was then Chief United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama (1978-1979). Mr. Whatley is a member of the American Bar Association (Member, Sections on: Labor and Employment Law; Litigation), a member and past President (1990-1991) of the Birmingham Federal Bar Association, and a member and past President (1990-1991) of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Alabama State Bar. He is also a member of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association; the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America), and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mr. Whatley has a wide-ranging, national practice. Among others, he represents numerous labor unions in the southeast of the United States, financial institutions in deceptive trade practice litigation arising out of the failure of a large retailer to secure confidential cardholder data as required by industry standards, medical societies and physicians in complex class action litigation against the managed care industry, employees in discrimination cases, rice farmers damaged by the contamination of the U.S. long grain rice supply by genetically modified rice traits, and individuals in personal injury and mass torts litigation.

Mr. Whatley is an experienced trial lawyer, having tried numerous cases, including class actions, to verdict. For example, Mr. Whatley won a \$1.28 billion jury verdict on behalf of a class of cattle ranchers against Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. in *Pickett v. Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.*, No. 96-A-1103-N (M.D. Ala.), and won what was at the time the largest wrongful death verdict in Louisiana history in *Dunn v. Consolidated Rail Corp.*, 890 F. Supp. 1262 (M.D. La. 1995). Mr. Whatley has recovered billions of dollars in monetary relief and business practice changes in litigations against the managed care industry. He also achieved an \$81.6 million settlement for former clients of *Jenkins & Gilchrist* in *Denney v. Jenkins & Gilchrist*, 230 F.R.D. 317 (S.D.N.Y. 2005), litigation relating to that firm's role in structuring and marketing illegal tax shelters.

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Russell Jackson Drake

Mr. Drake has been a member of the Bar for almost 40 years. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Alabama Law School in 1969 and is a member of the Bar in the States of Alabama, Texas and New York. Mr. Drake concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury litigation; products liability litigation; wrongful death litigation; appellate practice in state and federal courts; constitutional litigation; and complex class action litigation.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. Mr. Drake is the author of "Enforcing the Right to Treatment," 10 *American Criminal Law Review*, 587, 1972, and "Judicial Implementation and *Wyatt v. Stickney*," 32 *Al. L. Rev.* 299, 1981, and has lectured at the University of Alabama Law School, 1983-1987.

Mr. Drake has served as a member of the Alabama Ethics Commission, 1998-2003 (Chairman, 2003); the 11th Circuit Judicial Conference (1986-1988); and the Lawyer's Advisory Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1989-present). Mr. Drake has been a member of and held various executive positions with the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association (Member, Executive Committee, 1979; President, 1980-1981). He has also held various positions with the American Bar Association including: Member, 1973 - present; Chairman, 1979, Member, Committee on Prepaid Legal Services; Chairman, Task Force on Illiteracy, 1989; Member, IOLTA Task Force; Member, Local Bar Activities; Member, Supreme Court Task Force on Judicial Building; Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Criminal Procedure; Member, Labor Law Section; Executive Committee, Young Lawyers Section, 1977; Task Force on Minority Participation, 1995-1996, Chairman, 1996-1997.

Mr. Drake is a member of the Alabama Association for Justice (Member: Board of Governors, 1976; Executive Committee, 1984) and the American Association for Justice. He was named a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1995. Mr. Drake was born in Jefferson County, Alabama.

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Edith M. Kallas

Ms. Kallas was born in New York, New York. In April of 2004, Ms. Kallas was honored by thirteen State and County Medical Societies, "For the Success Attained in her Relentless Pursuit of Justice for the Physicians of America and their Patients." Also in 2004, Ms. Kallas was named by the New York County Lawyers' Association as one of the "Outstanding Women of the Bar." In 2005, the National Law Journal featured Ms. Kallas in their UP CLOSE section in an article entitled, "HMO Settlement: A Fairer Deal for Doctors." Ms. Kallas is also co-chair of the Public Justice's Class Action Preservation Project. Ms. Kallas graduated from the Juilliard School in 1984 with a B.M. in Music Performance and from the Fashion Institute of Technology with an A.A.S., summa cum laude. She is a 1987 graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she was a member of the Moot Court Board. Ms. Kallas is admitted to the New York State Bar, the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the United States Courts of Appeal for the Second, Third and Sixth Circuits. She is also a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers' Association, the American Society of Medical Association Counsel, and the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America).

Ms. Kallas concentrates her practice in the areas of healthcare and insurance litigation. Her clients include numerous state and county medical societies including: the Medical Society of the State of New York, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the Medical Society of New Jersey, South Carolina Medical Association, Tennessee Medical Association, Northern Virginia Medical Societies, North Carolina Medical Society, Nebraska Medical Association, Washington State Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Alaska Medical Association, Rhode Island Medical Society, Vermont Medical Society, New Hampshire Medical Society, El Paso County Medical Society of Colorado, and the California Chiropractic Association.

Ms. Kallas has represented physicians and medical associations in numerous class actions pending in federal and state courts (including representation of a certified class of approximately 900,000 physicians throughout the United States). Ms. Kallas serves on the Steering Committee in the In re Managed Care action and as Co-Lead Counsel in the Thomas et al. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield Association et al. pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and serves as lead counsel in numerous state court healthcare actions. She was one of the principal negotiators of the recent settlements with Aetna, Cigna, Healthnet, Prudential, Humana, Wellpoint and nationwide classes of physicians and medical societies that have resulted in billions of dollars of practice reforms and monetary relief to physicians throughout the country. The settlements have resulted in significant business practice changes that are viewed as setting a new standard in the healthcare industry that is in the best interests of physicians and their patients. Ms. Kallas has also given legislative testimony regarding issues affecting physicians

and successfully handled, on a pro bono basis, an appeal for a patient requiring lifesaving treatment.

Ms. Kallas is also Co-Lead Counsel in the In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation pending in the District of New Jersey against major brokerage and insurance companies on behalf of classes of businesses and employees who purchased insurance, including healthcare insurance.

Ms. Kallas has also pursued numerous cases on behalf of consumers, including recent settlements in cases involving products sold by Vitamin Shoppe and Bed Bath and Beyond.

Ms. Kallas is the co-author of "Gender Bias and the Treatment of Women As Advocates," Women in Law 1998. Ms. Kallas has also participated as a Faculty Member and/or Speaker in the following conferences: "Class Action Health Care Litigation," ALI-ABA Health Care Law and Litigation Conference, 1999; "Class Actions: HMOs and Health Care Providers Under Attack," ALI-ABA Life and Health Insurance Litigation Conference, 2000; "Providers (Suits by Doctors and Hospital Class Actions)," ALI-ABA Health Care Law and Litigation Conference, 2000; "The Application of ERISA and RICO Theories in the Age of Managed Care," The Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert, 2000; "Health Care Litigation: What You Need to Know After Pegasus," Practising Law Institute, 2000; "Provider Suits by Doctors and Hospitals v. HMOs," ALI-ABA Health Care Law and Litigation Conference, 2001; The Joint Seminar Session of the School of Allied Health and Health Law Section at Quinnipiac University School of Law, 2001; The CLE Conference presented by the American Society of Medical Association Counsel, 2002; "The Unique Role of The Medical Society Effectively Litigating for Change in the healthcare Arena", American Academy of Otolaryngology Presidential - Board of Governors Special Seminar 2002; "The Future of Class Action Litigation in America" The CLE Conference presented by the American Bar Association, 2005; "Gender Bias in Litigation and the Trend Toward Diversity in Multi-District Litigation Proceedings, Whatley Drake LLC Continuing Legal Education Conference 2006."

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Ms. Weintraub was born in Patchogue, New York and is a 1981 graduate of St. John's University, Jamaica, New York (B.A. summa cum laude; President's Award in recognition of achieving highest GPA among graduates of St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Science). She attended Hofstra Law School in Hempstead, New York, where she was a member of the Hofstra Law Review and Research Editor (1985-1986), and obtained her J.D. degree with distinction in 1986. Following her graduation from Hofstra Law School, Ms. Weintraub served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jacob Mishler, United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1986-1987).

Ms. Weintraub has extensive securities class action experience and has acted as one of Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in numerous securities class action cases that have obtained

substantial recoveries for defrauded investors. Among other cases, Ms. Weintraub was one of the Lead Counsel in *In re Oxford Health Plans, Inc. Securities Litigation*, MDL Dkt. No. 1222 (CLB) (S.D.N.Y.), in which a cash settlement of \$300 million was obtained on the eve of trial after more than five years of litigation. At the time, the \$300 million cash recovery obtained for shareholders in the Oxford case was one of the largest recoveries ever achieved in a securities class action. Significantly, the Honorable Charles L. Brieant, who presided over the Oxford case described it as “perhaps the most heavily defended, ardently pursued defense of a similar case that I can recall.” Ms. Weintraub also served as one of Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel in *In re CVS Corporation Securities Litigation*, No. 01-11464 (JLT) (D. Mass.), in which a cash settlement of \$110 million was obtained for investors. Following the settlement, in March 2006, CVS disclosed that the SEC had opened an inquiry into the manner in which CVS had accounted for a barter transaction, which was a subject of the class action suit, and that independent counsel to the firm’s audit committee had concluded in December 2005 that various aspects of the company’s accounting for the transaction were incorrect, leading to the resignations of the company’s controller and the treasurer.

Prior to joining Whatley Drake & Kallas, Ms. Weintraub also acted as one of Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation*, MDL No. 1586 (D. Md.), which consists of actions brought against mutual fund managers and others arising out of the recent scandals involving “late trading” and “market timing” in the mutual fund industry. In this capacity, among other investors, Ms. Weintraub represented the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority (“OTTA”), a state agency that offers and administers Ohio’s CollegeAdvantage 529 Savings Plan. Since leaving her prior firm, at OTTA’s request, Ms. Weintraub has continued to consult with OTTA’s counsel concerning this matter.

Ms. Weintraub is the co-author of “Gender Bias and the Treatment of Women as Advocates,” “Women in Law (1998), and the “Dissenting Introduction” defending the merits of securities class action litigation contained in the 1994 monograph “Securities Class Actions: Abuses and Remedies,” which was published by the National Legal Center for the Public Interest. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America).

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G. Douglas Jones

Mr. Jones was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama from 1997 to 2001. While in office, he served on the Attorney General's Advisory Sub-Committee on Health Care Fraud, White Collar Crime and Ethics. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama from 1980 to 1984. Following law school, he served as Staff Counsel to U.S. Senator Howell Heflin (D-AL), Senate Judiciary Committee (1979-1980).

His practice concentrates on complex civil class actions, securities litigation, labor and employment, discrimination, personal injury and white collar criminal litigation. Since 2004, he has been serving as the court-appointed General Special Master in *Tolbert, et al v. Monsanto and Pharmacia Corp.* (USDC Civil Action No. 2:01-cv-1407-UWC) an environmental clean-up action involving PCB's in the Anniston, Alabama area. He is a member of the Bar of the State of Alabama and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama, the United States Court of Appeals for the First, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, the United States Tax Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Jones was the focus of international media attention as a federal prosecutor leading the successful prosecution of the historic "cold case" involving the *1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church* in Birmingham in which two former Ku Klux Klansmen were convicted almost forty years after the crimes were committed. Four young African-American girls were killed during a Sunday morning church service in the most heinous act of the Civil Rights Movement. In June, 2007, he testified before the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives about the importance of re-examining crimes of the Civil Rights Era. He has been profiled by numerous national publications including *Time Magazine*, *NewsWeek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The National Law Journal*. He regularly appears on national media programs which include: *60 Minutes*, *Good Morning America*, *CNN Headline News*, *National Public Radio*, various FOX programs such as *The Dan Abrams Show* and *Court TV* programs.

He is a member of the National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys currently serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors and previously served as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee in 1991. Mr. Jones is also a member of the American (Member, Litigation, Tort and Insurance Practice, Criminal Justice and Environmental Sections) and Birmingham Bar Associations; the Alabama State Bar (Chairman, Criminal Law Section, 1988); the American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America); the Alabama Association for Justice (Member, Board of Governors, 1992-1994, Executive Committee, 1995-1997 and 2002 -); the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Board of Directors, 1993-1995; Vice-Chairman Legislative Committee); and the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (Secretary, 1991-1992; Member, Board of Directors, 1990-1992). He authored "Justice for Four Little Girls," *Alabama Trial Lawyers Journal*, Summer 2002.

In recognition of his work in the area of civil rights, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute recently awarded Mr. Jones the 15th Anniversary Civil Rights Distinguished Service Award. He served as keynote speaker for the "We the People National Conference" in Washington, D.C. and is a regular presenter across the Country at civil rights history workshops and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars sponsored by groups such as the American Bar Association, International Society of Barristers, American Association for Justice, Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and NYU.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama (B.A. 1976) and Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., 1979), where he was a member of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy (1978-1979).

Reported Cases: *Hunter v. U.S.*, 101 F.3d 1565, 65 USLW 2426 (11th Cir. Ala.), Dec 10, 1996; *Capital Alliance Ins. Co. v. Through-Clean, Inc.*, 639 So.2d 1349 (Ala., Apr 01, 1994); *Thrower v. Barney*, 849 F.Supp. 1445, 91 El Law Rep. 159 (N.D.Ala., Mar 30, 1994); *U.S. v. Satterfield*, 743 F.2d 827, 53 USLW 2212 (11th Cir.Ala.), Oct 03, 1984).

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For the past two decades, Mr. Connor has represented employee benefit plans, unions, and employees. He has developed a well-recognized expertise in ERISA and has represented employee benefits plans in numerous lawsuits across the United States. He has assumed primary responsibility in some of the largest 401(k) ERISA actions in the country. Mr. Connor leads administrative matters related to the pension funds and health and welfare funds that the firm represents. He also regularly represents labor unions in arbitration proceedings involving disputes over the application and interpretation of a collective bargaining agreement. His practice is concentrated in the areas of ERISA, employee benefits, bankruptcy and pension plans.

He is a member of the Alabama Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Sixth, and Eleventh Circuits and U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. Mr. Connor attended Birmingham-Southern College (B.A., cum laude, 1981) and the University of Alabama (J.D., 1984) where he was a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board (1983-1984). He is a member of the Alabama State Bar and American Bar Association. Mr. Connor was born in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

Reported Cases: *Rankin v. Rots*, 220 F.R.D. 511 (E.D. Mich. 2004); *Rankin v. Rots*, F.Supp. 853 (E.D. Mich. 2003); *McCoy v. Hess Oil of Virgin Islands*, 206 F.Supp.2d 276 (D.V.I. 2002); *United Steelworkers of America v. Cherokee Electric Co-op*, 127 LRRM (BNA) 2375; 108 Lab.Cas. p. 10, 441; aff'd 829 F.2d 1131; cert. den. 458 U.S. 1038; 108 S.Ct. 1601 (1988); *Operating Engineers Local 312 Health and Welfare Fund v. Rivers & Rhodes, Inc.*, 813 F.Supp. 791 (N.D. Ala. 1993); *United Steelworkers of America v. Simcala*, 111 F.Supp.2d 1287 (M.D. Ala. 2000); *Kirwan v. Reynolds*, 536 So. 2d 936 (Ala. 1988).

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Mr. Allen leads the Firm's employment discrimination practice and has successfully handled hundreds of such cases. He led the effort that produced the multi-million dollar settlement of sexual harassment claims at a Tyson Foods plant in Alabama. In the Tyson case, money damages were awarded in addition to Court ordered injunctive relief and

appointment of a court monitor to cure the wide-spread sexual harassment problem. Mr. Allen handles employment litigation in other areas including class actions under the Fair Labor Standards Act and he also represents the Firm's Union clients. Mr. Allen's practice is concentrated in the areas of antitrust and trade regulation, labor and employment, civil rights, discrimination, governmental litigation and securities fraud as well as appellate and general practice.

He is a member of the Bar of the States of Alabama (1988) and Mississippi (1989). He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits and U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern District of Alabama and Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi. He is a member of the Birmingham and American (Member, Sections on: Labor and Employment Law; Litigation) Bar Associations, Alabama Association for Justice, American Association for Justice, Alabama State Bar, and Mississippi State Bar.

He graduated from Birmingham-Southern College (B.A., cum laude, 1984) and the University of Alabama (J.D., 1988) where he was a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board. Following law school he served as law clerk to Associate Justice Janie L. Shores, Alabama Supreme Court (1988-1989). Mr. Allen was born in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Reported Cases: Mangieri v. DCH Healthcare Authority, 304 F.3d 1072 (11th Cir. 2002); Benson v. Tocco, Inc., 113 F.3d 1203 (11th Cir. 1997); Ex parte Green, 689 So.2d 838 (Ala. 1996); Hardy v. Birmingham Bd. of Educ., 634 So.2d 574 (Ala. Civ. App. 1994); Floyd v. Cullman County Bd. of Educ., 575 So.2d 577 (Ala. Civ. App. 1991); Harris v. Florence City Bd. of Educ., 568 So.2d 827 (Ala. Civ. App. 1990).

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Ms. Ford is a graduate of the University of Montevallo (B.S., summa cum laude, 1982) and Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., summa cum laude, 1993) where she was a Member (1991-1993) and Comment Editor (1992-1993) of the Cumberland Law Review. Following law school, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Judge William M. Acker, Jr., U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama. Ms. Ford is the author of "Rule 11: Due Process Reconsidered," 22 Cumberland Law Review 729, 1991-1992. She was born in Limestone County, Alabama.

Reported Cases: PacifiCare Health Systems, Inc. v. Book, 538 U.S. 401, 123 S.Ct. 1531 (2003); Klay v. Humana, Inc., 382 F.3d 1241 (11th Cir. 2004); McFarlin v. Conseco Services, L.L.C., 381 F.3d 1251 (11th Cir. 2004); In re Humana Inc. Managed Care Litigation, 333 F.3d 1247 (11th Cir. 2003); In re Humana Inc. Managed Care Litigation, 285 F.3d 971 (11th Cir. 2002); In re Managed Care Litigation, 246 F.Supp.2d 1363 (Jud. Pan. Mult. Lit. 2003); In re Managed Care Litigation, 236 F.Supp.2d 1336 (S.D. Fla. 2002); In re Managed Care Litigation, 209 F.R.D. 678 (S.D. Fla. 2002); In re Managed Care Litigation, 135 F. Supp.2d 1235 (S.D. Fla. 2001); Moore v. Liberty Nat. Ins.Co., 108 F.Supp.2d 1266 (N.D. Ala. 2000); Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc. v. Heilman, 876 So.2d 1111 (Ala. 2003); Yeager v. General Motors Acceptance Corp., 719 So.2d 210 (Ala. 1998); Johnson v. Garlock, 682 So.2d 25 (Ala. 1996).

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Richard P. Rouco

Mr. Rouco is one of our members with primary responsibility over representation of the Firm's Union clients. His practice is focused in the areas of class actions, antitrust, ERISA, union labor law, and securities fraud. He has expertise negotiating and enforcing collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Rouco also has extensive experience representing Unions and/or their members in suits brought under the Labor Management Relations Act, Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the WARN Act, ERISA and matters falling under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board. He has handled a considerable number of cases before the NLRB, including a multi-region plant closing case against Crown Cork & Seal.

In addition to his experience as a labor union lawyer, Mr. Rouco has also developed an active practice in the area of antitrust litigation. His interest in antitrust litigation grew out of his experience representing working families and their Unions in disputes with multinational corporations. He currently represents consumers in several anti-trust cases alleging price fixing and other unlawful restraints of trade. He also has experience litigation securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. He is currently litigating cases brought under the 1934 Securities Exchange Act and the Securities Act of 1933. He is one of three WD&K lawyers fluent in Spanish.

Mr. Rouco is a member of the Alabama Bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar and American Bar Association. Mr. Rouco is a Board Member for the Greater Birmingham Ministries. He is the author of "Available Remedies Under ERISA," Section 502 45 Alabama Law Rev., 1994. In 2006, he addressed the Whatley Drake LLC Continuing Legal Education Conference on "The Basics of Antitrust Class Action Litigation," Complex Litigation, Mass Torts & Class Actions Continuing Legal Education Summit.

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